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In re the application of:

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For: POLYESTER COMPOSITION AND CONNECTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 to 14 and 16 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising a melt-blended product, of which contains (f) from 1 to 100 parts by weight, relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyester (a), of a filler.

4. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, of which a carboxyl end group content is at most 5 equivalents/ton.

5. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glycidyl ester compound (b) has one glycidyl group in the molecule.

6. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glycidyl ester compound (b) is any of glycidyl esters of saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acids or glycidyl esters of aromatic monocarboxylic acids.

7. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glycidyl ester compound (b) is glycidyl benzoate or glycidyl versatate.

8. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glycidyl ether compound (c) has one or two glycidyl groups in the molecule.

9. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glycidyl ether compound (c) is an aromatic glycidyl ether.

10. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the glycidyl ether compound (c) is phenyl glycidyl ether or bisphenol A diglycidyl ether epoxy resin.

11. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst (d) is an organic, alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salt.

12. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst (d) is a salt of an organic acid having at least 6 carbon atoms with an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal.

13. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst (d) is at least one of sodium stearate, potassium stearate, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate and sodium

benzoate.

14. **(Amended)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyester (a) is a polymer or copolymer obtained through condensation of essentially a dicarboxylic acid or its ester-forming derivative with 1,4-butanediol, or their mixture.

16. **(Amended)** A connector made from the polyester composition of any one of claims 1 to 14 or 17.

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

17. **(New)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 2 comprising a melt-blended product, of which contains (f) from 1 to 100 parts by weight, relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyester (a), of a filler.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. New claim 17 has been added to cover an embodiment deleted by the amendments to the original claim 3.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned

"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3 to 14, and 16 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~[or 2]~~ comprising a melt-blended product, of which contains (f) from 1 to 100 parts by weight, relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyester (a), of a filler.

4. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~[any of claims 1 to 3]~~, of which ~~[the]~~ a carboxyl end group content is at most 5 equivalents/ton.

5. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~[any of claims 1 to 4]~~, wherein the glycidyl ester compound (b) has one glycidyl group in the molecule.

6. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~[any of claims 1 to 5]~~, wherein the glycidyl ester compound (b)

is any of glycidyl esters of saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acids or glycidyl esters of aromatic monocarboxylic acids.

7. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 6~~], wherein the glycidyl ester compound (b) is glycidyl benzoate or glycidyl versatate.

8. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 7~~], wherein the glycidyl ether compound (c) has one or two glycidyl groups in the molecule.

9. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 8~~], wherein the glycidyl ether compound (c) is an aromatic glycidyl ether.

10. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 9~~], wherein the glycidyl ether compound (c) is phenyl glycidyl ether or bisphenol A diglycidyl ether epoxy resin.

11. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 10~~], wherein the catalyst (d) is an organic, alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salt.

12. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 11~~], wherein the catalyst (d) is a salt of an organic acid having at least 6 carbon atoms with an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal.

13. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 12~~], wherein the catalyst (d) is at least one of sodium stearate, potassium stearate, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate and sodium benzoate.

14. (Amended) The polyester composition as claimed in claim 1 [~~any of claims 1 to 13~~], wherein the polyester (a) is a polymer or copolymer obtained through condensation of essentially a dicarboxylic acid or its ester-forming derivative with 1,4-butanediol, or their mixture.

16. **(Amended)** A connector made from the polyester composition of any one of claims 1 to 14 or 17.

New claim 17 has been added as follows:

17. **(New)** The polyester composition as claimed in claim 2 comprising a melt-blended product, of which contains (f) from 1 to 100 parts by weight, relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyester (a), of a filler.